

Dentons announces recipients of third annual WomenLEAD Excellence Awards

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Washington, DC—Dentons, the world's largest law firm, today announces the recipients of its WomenLEAD Excellence Awards. For the past three years, Dentons has recognized women who distinguish themselves in advancing female colleagues. This year's winners are partners Sharon Gay and Andi Mandell, and senior managing associate Erika Lopes-McLeman.

Gay, managing partner of the Firm's Atlanta office and a member of the Public Policy practice, received the Above & Beyond Award for her efforts promoting and elevating her women colleagues at all stages of their Dentons careers. Actively involved in the Firm's interviewing, recruiting and integration efforts, Gay advocates for opportunities to promote female colleagues, including awards and recognitions, and encouraging and supporting them to assume active and visible roles in the office, the Firm and the community.

Mandell, a New York partner in the Capital Markets and Tax practices, was recognized for mentorship and guidance of her female peers with the Mentor/Sponsor Award. Serving as co-chair of Dentons' New York WomenLEAD committee, she encourages participation in networking events, business development opportunities, Firm activities and one-on-one mentoring programs. Among the many women's events she organizes, Mandell hosts an annual Dentons' Capital Markets Women's Dinner, joining women across the US practice for an evening of mentorship and camaraderie.

Lopes-McLeman, senior managing associate in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice, received the Emerging Leader Award for outstanding leadership potential. Resident in the Short Hills office she is associate liaison to Dentons' Diversity Committee and office lead for the Parent Professional Network. Lopes-McLeman represented Dentons in the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity's 2017 Pathfinder Program, a development program for diverse, high-potential, early career attorneys. She is co-chair of the US Associates Committee, where she helped create a business development training series, and active in the Women of Color Collective.

Dentons' WomenLEAD committees organize the annual Excellence Awards and various initiatives throughout the year, as part of its mission to foster an environment that attracts, develops and inspires women business leaders. WomenLEAD builds networks with the Firm's clients and the communities in which we work and live that enhance opportunities for women to reach the top levels of their respective fields and to influence the business of tomorrow.

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